

ATLANTIS

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"Spring 1901"

1970 C

R-1

LARGE-SCALE TROOP MOVEMENTS PROMPT TALK OF WAR....RUSSIAN NAVAL UNITS IN BLACK SEA

ENGLAND (Becker): A Liv--Edi, F Lon--North Sea, F Edi--Norwegian Sea.

TURKEY (Welsh): A Con--Bul, A Smy--Con, F Ank holds.

FRANCE (Comber): A Par--Pic, A Mar--Bur, F Bre--Mid.

GERMANY (Lakofka): A Ber--Kie, A Mun--Ruh, F Kie--Den.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): A Vie--Tri, A Bud--Ser, F Tri--Alb.

RUSSIA (Peery): A Mos--Sev, A War--Ukr, F St.P. (sc)--Bot, F Sev--Bla.

ITALY (White): A Rom--Ven, A Ven--Pie, F Nap--Tyr.

All moves succeed. The deadline for "Fall 1901" Moves is 5 March 1970. Please include "Winter 1901" builds if possible.

Substitute players for this and all other ATLANTIS games are needed. If you would like to play without paying the exorbitant game fees, this is the way. Maps for the variant games will be sent to every substitute player.

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WHO SHOULD WRITE WHOM, AND WHY

by

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Though it is time-consuming, at the onset of a game, every player should communicate with every other player. Naturally there are exceptions:

1. The best way to convince a neighbor you are going to attack him is silence. Then when that neighbor makes a defensive play against you which causes him to lose tempo, if not a supply center, cry foul.
2. Where you plan a long-term alliance with another country, it may be critical if the enemy moves against you rather than your ally. For example, as Italy in an alliance with Russia, prevent Vienna from blocking Warsaw to Galicia.

Almost always there are advantages in negotiating with every other country. If I were Austria, naturally I would write my immediate neighbors, but what about writing to Germany, England and France? I would write Germany hoping to ascertain his intentions concerning Sweden and possible joint maneuvers against Russia. It is equally important to know what England's intentions are vis-a-vis Russia; if England plans to attack Russia, this is a definite lever in my negotiations with Russia. France, too, is useful, for if Italy is my ally I want France off Italy's back; but if I suspect Italy is going to attack me, I would urge France to attack Italy while trying to convince England and Germany not to attack France.

Similarly, as France, I would automatically write England, Germany and Italy, but is there any immediate need to write Russia, Austria and Turkey? Russia, obviously has Western influence and it behooves me to negotiate. Austria can be important: if Russia threatens my alliance with either Germany or England, I would connive for an Austro-Turkish alliance against Russia. One reason for writing Turkey is the need to contain Turkish seapower; an immediate Turkish-Russian alliance with Turkey moving from Ankara to Constantinople is disaster (except when Italy is an immediate threat).

Avoid formal, business-type letters. Inject something personal/social -- reach out to the individual not the opponent.

It's helpful keeping copies of these introductory letters, both yours and your adversary's. You'll find them useful in subsequent games, at least to the extent of avoiding the stench of recomposing the crap.

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PRESS RELEASES --- 1970 C

St. Petersburg, 4 January 1901:

His Imperial Majesty, Nicholas II, Autocrat of All the Russian, today met with members of His Government at the Winter Palace.. Headed by the Prime Minister Grand Prince Alexi Sergevich, His Majesty met first with members of the Cabinet: the Prime Minister, Marshal of the Armies Prince Yermiseraffov, Admiral of the Fleets Korilok, Foreign Minister Prince Sykocski, Minister of Justice Mr. Simon Rykov,

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Finance Minister Mr. Ira Goldbrucken, Minister for Minorities Ti-Wen-Chi, Minister for Polish Affairs Wladislau Hoffer, and Minister of Siberian Affairs Alexi Gorgenskii. Following the first Cabinet meeting of the new year at which the a state budget was presented by the Tsar for the new year, His Imperial Majesty met with His newly appointed foreign ambassadors: Paris, Prince Vasili; London, Prince Nicholi; Berlin, Prince Smirnoff; Vienna, Prince Borzoi; and Lurleens, Prince Darnoc. The ambassadorship to Rome awaits His Majesty's action. The nature of the ambassadors meeting was not disclosed afterwards, but it is generally understood that the Tsar encouraged His ambassadors to work positively to maintain the peace in Europe. Following the high level meetings, His Majesty and Her Imperial Highness and other members of the Royal Family left for Kiev to visit members of the House of Protopopoffs.

St. Petersburg; 7 January 1901:

Speaking to members of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences, Foreign Minister Prince Sykocski today delivered a major foreign policy address. Parts of his speech follow:

"Russian policy is a policy of pan-slavism, of protection of all slavic interests, everywhere....

"Russian policy is a policy of friendship with all powers....

"Russia believes in neutrality of the seas and their peaceful use by all powers with special interests for none....

"Russia believes in the sovereignty of all small states....

"Russia believes in the independance of China and the guarantee of that independance by the Great Powers....

"Russia has a special interest in Afghanistan, India, Mongolia, and Persia....

"Russia believes in the principle of non-interference in the domestic affairs of other nations....

"Russia supports all autocratic monarchies....

"Russia is a strong supporter of the League of Ministatës and the International Slavonic League...."

Sykocski's address is generally believed to present the current and most liberal thinking of the Autocrat and Government.

St. Peerigrad; 10 January 1901:

Dr. Herman Kahnoff, Director of the Peeritronic Research Instituto today denied that research was being carried out toward developing a p²-tron device.

Moscow; 11 January 1901:

Boris and Natasha, leading dancers at the Bolshoi, last evening presented the world premier of Serge Kossinovsky's new ballet, "Goofus Roofus". Grand Duke Prince Dimitri and Grand Duchess Lucrezia of the House of Memmeshivits attended during their visit from St. Peerigrad.

Kiev; 12 January 1901:

His Imperial Majesty, Nicholas II, visiting here with members of the Royal Family at the Protopopoff Palace, today received a special entourage from Sweden which presented a petition to the Autocrat on behalf of the Swedish Government requesting His aid in restoring order in that strife torn country. Sweden, which has been in civil chaos since the assassination of Charles XV in 1894. Charles's son, Oscar (I) has been unable to pacify all elements of the nation. It is understood that Nicholas has offered all aid and assistance to Oscar and that Russian forces have been ordered to Sweden in an effort to quell resistance to the rightful king.

In the Black Sea; 21 February 1901:

The Russian steamer Dneiper, en route from Sevastopol to Constantinople, today was detained by a Rumanian gunboat outside Vaava harbor near the mouth of the Danube. Russian naval units, called by the Dneiper, failed to arrive in time to prevent the Rumanian sailors from boarding and looting the steamer. Once looted, the ship was allowed to continue. However, instructions were received from St. Petersburg Naval Headquarters that the ship was to return to Sevastopol under escort from units of the Black Seas fleet.

Sevastopol; 22 February 1901:

Russian naval units were conspicuously absent from this busy naval base today. Rumors have it that the fleet, which set sail yesterday, is proceeding under full steam to join the Dneiper. The battleships Grand Duchess Charlotte, Grand Duchess Alexandra, Grand Duchess Lucrezia, Warsaw, Arkangelsk, and Ivov are reportedly sailing with escorts and under war orders.

Sevastopol; 25 February 1901:

The Dneiper received a hero's welcome this morning when it returned to port here. Passengers on debarking refused to say if they had sighted units of the Black Seas Fleet, but popular demonstrations in the town suggested that anything less than a swift and complete punishment of the Rumanian action would not be well received.

Vladivostok; 27 February 1901:

Hosting the first International Naval Competition, Russian naval units of the Pacific Fleet today entertained ships from Franciana, the United States, and China at a round of competitions including gunnery, navigation, and speed trials. Interestingly, the only Japanese naval vessel present was a small observation boat, the J.S. Pagoda. The Pagoda remained just outside Vladivostok harbor observing activities within. However, the captain of the ship did return the gift of a barrel of vodka with a barrel of sake.

St. Petersburg; 28 February 1901:

The Imperial Family returned to the Capitol today following their visit in Kiev. In addition the Imperial Stock Exchange had an excellent day; among leaders:

Imperial Arms and Ammunition (IAA)	54½	+4
Moscow Municipal Bonds	6	+1
Kiev Horses Ltd.	9¼	+½
Siberian Railways	21	+6

St. Peerigrad; 1 March 1901:

Foreign Minister Prince Sykocski today told reporters that Russian naval units had violated standing orders in entering the Black Sea proper in pursuit of a Rumanian gunboat which attacked a Russian vessel. The Foreign Minister announced a special investigation would be held into the violation of standing naval orders. The Foreign Minister also announced he was personally leaving for Constantinople to reassure the Turkish Government that Russia had no hostile intentions against her. The Minister said: "We have given orders that the Russian Black Sea Fleet will depart the high seas areas immediately."

Warsaw; 5 March 1901:

Military forces here today announced that martial law had been declared in the

city by Marshal Serov, the commanding general. It is reported that Russian Army units have left the city heading south.

St. Petersburg; 6 March 1901:

His Imperial Majesty, the Tsar, has summoned all members of the government to an immediate conference at the Heritinski Palace here.

St. Peerigrad; 1 April 1970:

The Imperial Staff, under His Imperial Majesty's orders, has ordered the beginning of spring training exercises for the armed forces. These exercises will be concluded during the Fall season.

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In the "Winter 1909" supply chart for 1967 Vat, I goofed in reporting that Russia still had Syr. The moves of Italy were correct, Italy did take Syr; I failed to make the correction in the Supply center chart. Italy builds 2, Russia 1.

In the "Winter 1912" supply center chart for 1966 Alac, Germany, read ~~Sev~~ instead of ~~Sev~~, and underline Sev in the Turkish chart.

To Bill Linden: Thanks for bringing my errors to my attention.

If anyone else catches any error I have made, please bring it to my attention immediately.

Also, If you do not receive ATLANTIS or some sort of communication from me within 5 days of a deadline in any game you are in, please phone me collect as soon as possible. I try to let players know what has happened in their game as soon as the deadline is past.

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Recently John Beshara and I have been discussing the published rules for regular Diplomacy games in ATLANTIS. In particular, rule #2, which states that "Winter" moves are not considered a "turn" -- if you miss builds I do not remove you from the game when you miss the following "Spring" moves. John contends:

"Players who miss Winter builds or removals disrupt the orderly progress of the game just as much as those who miss moves. If a country had no Winter builds or removals to submit then he cannot be penalized for missing them.

"However, Boardman contends that Winter builds and removals are a part of the Fall moves and thus a player cannot win with a simple majority of the units on the board (less than 18) upon the adjudication of the Fall moves until those moves are completed by the adjudication of the Winter builds and removals.

"Boardman will allow a player to win with a majority of units on the board (less than 18) at the completion of the Spring moves ONLY, as I did in 1968 CL.

"I disagree with Boardman in that I treat the Winter season as a distinct and separate season. According to my view there are five seasons: Spring, Spring retreats (Summer), Fall, Fall retreats (Autumn), and Winter. If a player has a majority of units at the completion of any of those seasons, even if that majority is less than 18, then that player wins."

I disagree with John in that the only time I consider a player has won is when he has 18 units on the board. What do you think? I will change the rules if there are many who want the "majority on the board".

Write to let me know where you stand -- for or against majority.

"Winter 1909"

1967 Vat

Imperialism VIIIR

This is the revised supply center chart:

GERMANY: ~~Edi~~. (0)
ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Tra, Nwy, Den, Ang, ~~Wol~~, ~~Atl~~, Bra, Liv. (8) No change
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Ivo, Gab, Mad, Spa, Por, Kam, Peru, Arg, Cub, Jam, Nig, Moz, ~~Chc~~, Bel, ~~Liv~~, ~~Atl~~, Hol. (17) Build 1
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven, Som, Iya, Tun, Eth, Egy, Sud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Bud, Sar, Ser, Mun, Ken, NAfr, Tan, Ara, Syr, Ong. (22) Build 3
JAPAN: Nag, Tai, Tok, Kor, NChi, SChi, Phi, Squ, InC, Sia, Ins, Mal, Haw, Tah, Aus, Ida, SFr, Sol, Gua. (19) Build 2
RUSSIA: Buk, Cta, Mos, StP, Sev, Vla, War, Swe, Man, Kie, Ala, Ber, Can, Rum, ~~Syr~~, Prs, Bul. (16) Build 1
USA: Cgo, NYor, Qbc, Atl. (4) Build 1
TURKEY: Smy, Con, Ank, ~~Bul~~, ~~Prs~~. (3) Build 2
New deadline for builds -- 10 March 1970.

Build centers for each country are:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nig, Tra, Ida, Aus, Qbc.
FRANCE: Bre, Par, Mar, Ivo, Mad, InC.
ITALY: Ven, Nap, Rom, Som.
JAPAN: Kor, Tok, Nag, Formosa (Tai) (Located just off SChi, between PalS, SCS, & Yels
RUSSIA: War, StP, Mos, Sev, Chi, Vla.
USA: Phi, SFr, Cgo, Atl, NYor.
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Syr.

You may build in these provinces only if you posses them.

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"Winter 1912"

1966 Alac

Imperialism VIII

ENGLAND: No Builds Received.
JAPAN: No Change
ITALY: Builds A Ven, A Rom, F Nap, A Som.
TURKEY: No Change
GERMANY: Removes F Bar, A Swe, A Bel.
USA: Builds Panama Canal.

The deadline for "Spring 1913" is 9 March 1970 to Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

Players will note that now the Panama Canal is in operation -- you are advised to read rule #5 for further information,

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Rod Walker has come up with a revised edition of Imperialism VIII. This is Imperialism XV. Next issue I hope to have some of the maps and rules available. As this game is more complex than Imp VIII (11 players, 139 supply centers), only one game will be opened in the near future. More information next issue.

"Fall 1003"

1967 Mab

Princeps

BARBARIANS ENJOY THEMSELVES.....EGYPT LIFELESS.....HISPANIA SUCCEEDS (FINALLY!)

HISPANIA (Linden): A Lgo--Ldn, F Nat (C) A Lgo--Ldn.

PONTUS (Comber): A Lyc--Trs, A Trs--Ant, A Ant--Pal, A LoD--Moe, A UpD (S) A LoD--Moe,
F Thr (sc)--Mac, F Aeg (S) F Thr (sc)--Mac, A Ara--Jer, A Myg (S) A Ara--Jer,
F Asi (S) F Aeg, F Pis--SRho, F Con--Thr (sc).

AFRICA (Carey): F GGad--SAT, F Tcn (sc) holds, F Lus (S) F GGad--SAT, A Ldn--Lut.
A Epi--Mac, A Pan (S) A Moe, A Moe (S) A Epi--Mac, A Tha--Epi, F Afr (C) A Tha--
Epi, F Ion (C) A Tha--Epi, F Afr (S) A Moe, A Car--New, F Ibe (C) A Car--New,
F New--WMar, F Tyr holds, A Aql /unordered, holds/.

EGYPT (Welsh): No moves received; A Ale, F SRho, F Cre, F Ach, F Syr, A Nab all un-
ordered, hold; A Jer dislodged and annihilated.
Underlined moves do not succeed.

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"Winter 1003"

1967 Mab

Princeps

HISPANIA: Lgo, ~~Lut~~, Ldn. (2) No change.

PONTUS: ~~Lut~~, Her, Tra, Asi, Pis, Con, Ant, Mes, Thr, UpD, Mac, Trs, Jer. (12) No change

AFRICA: Car, Cir, Tha, Luc, Sar, Sic, Rom, Aql, Mil, Sal, Bal, New, Nar, Tcn, ~~Lut~~,
Lut. (15) Remove 1.

EGYPT: Ale, Cyr, The, Cre, Cyp, Nab, Ach, ~~Lut~~. (7) Build 1.

BARBARIANS: Tin, Art.

Gained -- ~~Lut~~

"Winter 1003" builds and removals due 10 March 1970, along with "Spring 1004" moves. Gary Gygax, 330 Center St., Lake Geneva, Wis. 53147 is asked to submit moves for Egypt. In "Spring 1004", the barbarians will move: Art--Osr.
